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Ref: 8EPR-PS; EPA & University of Cincinnati study of former Scott's workers.

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Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for your assistance with our previous request. The new information you have supplied to us has been most helpful with our efforts to understand the health effects associated with historic exposures to asbestos contaminated vermiculite from Libby, Montana among Scott's employees. Further, in light of this new information, and our desire to accurately assign airborne asbestos fiber exposure levels to each employee, we would like to obtain some additional information to help ensure that our overall exposure estimations are as consistent and accurate as possible.

As you know, Dr. James Lockey of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine had previously used available information on Scott's employees exposure prior to 1980 for estimating worker exposures. While the information regarding estimated worker exposures is still available, the raw industrial hygiene information used to construct those exposure estimates is not. It would be most beneficial to our efforts if we could obtain any industrial hygiene data concerning asbestiform fiber exposures prior to 1980 in order to perform an updated and consistent reconstruction of past worker exposures based on all the available industrial hygiene data. Further, if possible, we would like to obtain any information regarding the yearly tonnage or use of vermiculite by the Scott's facility, broken down by mine source, for all years in which such information is available.

Again we greatly appreciate your help, and look forward to your continued assistance with our efforts in understanding the levels of exposure that may be associated with increasing risks of adverse health effects associated with exposure to Libby Amphibole asbestos. Such information will be used by the EPA and other health agencies in their efforts to determine appropriate risk levels for exposure and clean-ups for those living in the Libby Community or exposed to Libby Amphibole asbestos in other locations.

If you have any issues or questions of confidentiality regarding the requested information, please contact me by phone to discuss the issues and how we may proceed. We would appreciate a reply to this request by October 31, 2007.



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